

The Book of Romans

“A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!”



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TEXT:

God's Judgment and the Law

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. **13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before **God**, but the doers of the law who will be justified. **14** For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. **15** They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them **16** on that day when, according to my gospel, **God** judges the secrets of men by **Christ Jesus**.

17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in **God** **18** and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; **19** and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, **20** an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— **21** you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? **22** You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? **23** You who boast in the law dishonor **God** by breaking the law. **24** For, as it is written, “The name of **God** is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

25 For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. **26** So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? **27** Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. **28** For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. **29** But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from **God**.

STUDY NOTES:

LAW AND GOSPEL ON THE LAST DAY:

LAW - God's righteous judgment- 2 We know that **the judgment of God** rightly falls on those who practice such things. 3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the **judgment of God**? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when **God's righteous judgment** will be revealed. 6 He will render to each one according to his works: 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, (Mt 12:33-42)

GOSPEL- God's kindness- 4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's kindness** is meant to lead you to repentance? 6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; , 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For **God shows no partiality.** (Titus 3:4-7)

OUR DAILY LIFE - A warning to us: 2:1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. (Mt 7:1-5)

THE LAW FOR THE GENTILES – WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS

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THE LAW FOR THE JEWS – WRITTEN ON TABLETS OF STONE

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TRUE CIRCUMCISION

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LIFE APPLICATION:

1. Why will the Last Day be BOTH a day of wrath AND a day of mercy?
2. Explain what the significance of faith in Christ will be on that last day – whether IN faith or WITHOUT faith.
3. How can both of these be true: we ARE to judge our brothers actions, we ARE NOT to judge our brother ?
4. The law written on the hearts of all people – where do we see proof of this among all people groups?
5. The Jewish Torah is still read in synagogues today – so what do the Jews need today?
6. The true circumcision now is holy baptism – how is this the new beginning for every day we live?









